

REQUEST FOR
REGIONAL OR METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS

General Information

RPA or MPO: Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Sponsor/Applicant Agency: City of Ankeny

Contact Person (Name & Title): Paul Moritz, Public Works Director/Todd Redenius, Parks & Recreation Director

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City

State

Zip

Daytime Phone

If more than one agency or organization is involved in this project, please state the name, contact person, mailing address, and telephone number of the second agency. *(Attach an additional page if more than two agencies are involved.)*

Applicant Agency: _____

Contact Person (Name & Title): _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

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Project Information

Project Title: Gay Lea Wilson Trail Extension

Project Description (including length if applicable) required: _____

The Gay Lea Wilson Trail Project is a 7.3 mile multi-purpose trail connecting Ankeny to Des Moines. The overall cost estimate for the project is \$2,920,000. The Phase I scope of this project is the construction of a 10-foot wide trail with 2-foot earth shoulders beginning at the Carney Marsh Nature Preserve on SE 54th Street and continuing south one mile along abandoned railroad right of way. The opinion of probable cost for Phase I is \$340,000. All land has been acquired, design will be completed March 1 and the planned Iowa DOT letting date is May 2010. Depending on funding success, Phase I of the project could start as early as June and be completed in late summer or early fall. The overall 7.3 mile trail is recognized as a key connection within the Central Iowa Trails Loop, and the Gay Lea Wilson Trail project from Ankeny to Des Moines will be one of the most popular connections in Central Iowa; linking tourism and recreation destinations such as downtown Des Moines, Saylorville Lake, and the Neal Smith Trail. Furthermore the trail will link the largest and third largest communities in the Metro.

If this project includes land acquisition, how many acres? All land has been acquired for Phase 1.

Project Category - Check all boxes that apply to indicate the categories that best describe your project.

① Trails and Bicycle Grouping

- ☒ Facilities for Pedestrians and Bicycles
- ☐ Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors
- ☐ Safety and Educational Activities for Pedestrians and Bicyclists

② Scenic and Natural Resources Grouping

- ☐ Scenic Highway Programs Including Tourist and Welcome Centers
- ☐ Acquisition of Scenic Easements and Scenic Sites

③ Historic and Archaeological Grouping

- ☐ Historic Highway Programs, including Tourist and Welcome Centers
- ☐ Historic Preservation
- ☐ Rehabilitation and Operation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures, or Facilities
- ☐ Archaeological Planning and Research
- ☐ Establishment of Transportation Museums

- ☐ Landscaping and Other Scenic Beautification
- ☐ Control and Removal of Outdoor Advertising
- ☐ Mitigation of Water Pollution Due to Highway Runoff, including Projects that Reduce Vehicle-Caused Wildlife Mortality, while Maintaining Habitat Connectivity.

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Estimated Project Costs

Land Cost	\$	75,000
Preliminary Design / Engineering	\$	150,000
Utility Relocation	\$	
Construction Engineering	\$	100,000
Construction Cost	\$	2,445,000
In-Kind Cost	\$	
Contingency	\$	150,000
Other (please specify)	\$	
Total Cost	\$	2,920,000
Enhancement Fund Request	\$	340,000
Applicant Match (20% Minimum)	\$	

	Match Source	Amount	Assured or Anticipated (Date Anticipated)
1.	STP-TE Grant	\$175,000.00	2010
2.	STP-TE Grant (shared with Polk Co.)	\$202,500.00	2012
3.	STP-TE Grant (shared with Polk Co.)	\$150,000.00	2014

Are any state funds involved in this project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain the source and conditions

A Resource Enhancement & Protection Program (REAP) Grant was awarded from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$150,000. This grant award was given in October 2009 and mandates that construction of the Ankeny city limits portion of trail be completed by December 31, 2011. Of the 7.3 mile total trail length, 4.5 miles resides within the Ankeny corporate limits, with the remaining 2.8 miles in Polk County's jurisdiction.

Are any other federal funds involved in this project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain the source and conditions

The federal funding that has been secured for the overall project is itemized above. The City of Ankeny has received funding through the Metropolitan Planning Organization's transportation enhancement funding program. It should also be noted that funding has been included in the City's Capital Improvement Program to assist in match requirements.

Will this project be open to the public? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you intend to charge a fee to users? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how much? \$ \$0.00

What will it be used for? NA

Estimated Project Development Schedule

Design	Start Date	January 5, 2010	Completion Date	March 1, 2010
Land Acquisition	Start Date		Completion Date	
Construction	Start Date	June 1, 2010	Completion Date	October 1, 2010

Has any part of this project been started? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain: _____

The above schedule is for the Phase I project. Please note that all land has been acquired for this phase and design is in progress. An Environmental Clearance Concept Statement and preliminary check plans were submitted to the Iowa DOT on January 26. Since the project is on an abandoned railroad bed there are no environmental impacts. No construction has occurred on the trail project.

Documentation and Narrative Information

The following documents and narratives must be attached to this application. In the upper right-hand corner of each document or narrative write the corresponding letter shown below.

- ☒ A. A NARRATIVE assessing existing conditions, outlining the concept of the proposed project, and providing adequate project justification. Transportation enhancements must have a direct relationship to the intermodal transportation system, either as it exists or as it is planned. Assess your project in regard to the transportation system relative to its functional relationship, proximity, or impact to an existing or planned transportation facility. Assess the value of this project from a statewide perspective and how it will be a functional addition to the transportation system and the state as a whole if no additional development funds are received.
- ☒ B. A MAP identifying the location of the project.
- ☒ C. A SKETCH-PLAN of the project, including cross-section for bicycle or pedestrian facilities.
- ☒ D. An ITEMIZED BREAKDOWN of the total project costs.
- ☒ E. A TIME SCHEDULE for the total project development. Funding for projects which fail to make satisfactory progress may be rescheduled or removed from the program by the Iowa Department of Transportation.
- ☒ F. An OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT of the project from the authority to be responsible for its maintenance and operation. The authority must provide written assurance that it will adequately maintain the completed project for its intended public use for a minimum of 20 years following project completion.
- ☒ G. A NARRATIVE discussing the public input process that was followed and the extent to which adjacent property owners and others have been informed of the proposed project and an assessment of their acceptance.

Certification

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all information included in this application is true and accurate, including the commitment of all physical and financial resources. This application has been duly authorized by the participating local authority. I understand the attached OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT(S) binds the participating local governments to assume responsibility for adequate maintenance of any new or improved facilities.

I understand that, although this information is sufficient to secure a commitment of funds, an executed contract between the applicant and the Department is required prior to the authorization of funds.

Representing the CITY OF ANKENY

Signature

Date

Steven D. Van Oort, Honorable Mayor

Typed Name and Title

Date